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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A PLASTIC WEB FOR COATING A METAL
SUBSTRATE, LAMINATE COMPRISING THIS PLASTIC WEB, AND PRODUCT OR
COMPONENT PRODUCED THEREWITH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified
application by further amending the claims on the Annexes to the International Preliminary
Examination Report as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) Process comprising producing a plastic web for coating a metal
substrate, in which the plastic is polyester, wherein the plastic web is produced by extruding
a mixture of crystallisable polyester and non-crystallisable polyester.

2. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the polyesters used are
copolyesters.

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 2, wherein copolyesters based on
terephthalic acid are used.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 3, wherein polyesters, which are formed

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